



## NEWS RELEASE

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# NEBRASKA FBLA NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS NAMED

Nebraska Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students recently received 30 Top Ten national awards as well as three first-place national awards.

More than 330 Nebraska students and advisers attended the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN., June 29-July 2. More than 10,300 FBLA members from 46 states, as well as U.S. territories and international chapters attended the conference with FBLA student members competing in 60 events.

Carlie Bauer of Minden High School opened the conference by singing the national anthem at the general session.

The Top Ten national award winners in 30 award categories are:

### First Place

- Brenna Backemeyer, Natalie Elwood and Wyatt Story of Elmwood-Murdock High School, American Enterprise Project
- Elliot Sandfort, Ojus Jain and Alicia Zeng of Lincoln East High School, Global Business
- Dylan Steinkruger of Minden High School, Cody McCain of Tri County High School, Abi Sheen of Kearney High School and Anna Bauerle of Chase County High School, Parliamentary Procedure Team

### Third Place

- Michaela Mapes of Westside High School, Business Financial Plan
- Paul Weber of Cedar Bluffs High School, Insurance and Risk Management
- Julie Slama of Auburn High School, Job Interview

### Fourth Place

- Kyle Bogatz and John Willey of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Desktop Publishing
- Allison Braun, Cody Kroeker and Colton Siebert of Heartland High School, Entrepreneurship
- Lindsay Mills and Callie Zeorian of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Public Service Announcement

### Fifth Place

- Katharine Garrett and Kaitlyn Opplinger of Blair High School, Banking and Financial Systems
- Makenna Wallin of Chase County High School, Desktop Publishing

### Sixth Place

- Brenna Backemeyer and Trevor Lockman of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Emerging Business Issues
- Mason Goodman of Blair High School, Introduction to Information Technology
- Kendra Alberts of Johnson-Brock High School, Public Service Announcement
- Katie Ruth of Adams Central High School, Public Speaking II

### Seventh Place

- Kylie Wiegert and Trevor McQuay of Wausa High School, Desktop Publishing

- Colton Allen of Aurora High School, Electronic Career Portfolio
- Adrienne Cavill and Tianna Engen of Kearney High School, Hospitality Management
- Ethan Hall of Heartland High School, Introduction to Business
- Trevor Koger, Blake Bracht and Dillon O’Flaherty of Arlington High School, Sports and Entertainment Management

#### **Eighth Place**

- Amzie Dunekacke, Erin Bohling and Julie Oestmann of Johnson-Brock High School, Business Plan
- Nate Jurgensmeier, Dana Meduna and Austin Barry of Bishop Neumann High School, Emerging Business Issues
- Kelsey Bohling of Johnson-Brock High School, Future Business Leader

#### **Ninth Place**

- Austin Conn, Leanna Rosberg and Claire Vanness of Wausa High School, Business Presentation
- Jennifer Russell of Waverly High School, Economics

#### **Tenth Place**

- Jocelyn Daubendiek of Elkhorn High School, Health Care Administration
- Leslie Braun of Heartland High School, Introduction to Business
- Jared Frenzel, Eli Kennedy and River Towne of Auburn High School, Management Information Systems
- Aaron Halvorsen, Emily Harsin and Jameson Bennett of Syracuse High School, Partnership with Business Project
- Caleb Goeken and Tommie Brechbill of Stanton High School, Sports and Entertainment Management

The following students were **Top 15 Finalists**:

- Nicole Graham of Fairbury High School, American Enterprise Project
- Natalie Elwood, Naomi Snyder and Marissa Scholting of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Business Ethics
- McClain Narber, Jack Ziska and Bethany Janzen of Aurora High School, Business Presentation
- Jessica Spaulding of Elmwood-Murdock High School, Client Service
- Marcus Fox and Jared Crouse of Dundy County Stratton High School, E-business
- Carlie Bauer, Madisyn Ayres and Mariah Miller of Minden High School, E-business
- Josh Prokupek of Bellevue East High School, Impromptu Speaking
- Makayla Coan of Lakeview High School, Public Speaking II

Other national awards included:

**National Business Achievement Awards – America Level** (top award in this four-level program)

- Emily Slama of Auburn High School
- Chase Gronenthal of Lakeview High School
- Rachel Kathman of Lawrence-Nelson High School
- Elizabeth Peterson of Lincoln Southwest High School
- Megan Goesch of West Boyd High School

#### **National Recognition Event Winners**

- Trevor Koger of Arlington High School, Who’s Who in FBLA
- Susan Wellman of Syracuse High School, Nebraska Outstanding Chapter Adviser
- Trevor Koger of Arlington High School and Whitney Draper of Raymond Central High School, Community Service Award – Leader Level
- Arlington High School, Blair High School, Lakeview High School and Tri County High School, Chapter Challenge
- Nebraska FBLA, 1<sup>st</sup> in Membership Increase in Mountain Plains Region
- Nebraska FBLA, 6<sup>th</sup> in Seven Up Award

#### **Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit**

- Arlington High School
- Aurora High School
- Bellevue West High School
- Blair High School
- Chase County High School
- Dundy County Stratton High School
- Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Fairbury High School
- Fillmore Central High School
- Johnson-Brock High School
- Kearney High School
- Lakeview High School
- Litchfield High School
- Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School
- Minden High School
- Pleasanton High School
- Raymond Central High School
- Sandhills High School
- Syracuse High School
- Tri County High School
- Twin River High School
- Waverly High School
- West Boyd High School

**Outstanding Chapter Award**

- Blair High School
- Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Fillmore Central High School
- Johnson-Brock High School
- Kearney High School
- Minden High School
- Raymond Central High School